

The Prophetic Office of the Church 1/2

To be Prophet

means to listen to God and to talk to Him

To be Priest

means to offer oneself to God in sacrifice

To be King

means to govern oneself and discern

Christ is

The Prophet, Priest and King par excellence

Christ is

The Prophet, because He is the Eternal Word of God

The Priest because He is God and Man and offered
Himself on the Cross

The King, because He guides each one of us as the
Good Shepherd

Each Baptised Person

being rooted in Christ,

has a share in His Threefold Office

Each Baptised Person

is
- in Christ -

Prophet, Priest and King

The Church is

Christ's Mystical Body

The Entire Church is

- in Christ -

Prophet, Priest and King

The Church has 3 offices :

Prophetic, Priestly and Kingly

**Note: Each one of the Offices in
the Church (Kingly, Priestly and
Prophetic)**

incorporates the 3 offices

**but is mainly characterized
by one Office**

which is predominant.

Each one of the Offices covers an area in the Church

- Kingly : Pope and Bishops
- Priestly : Parishes
- Prophetic : Consecrated persons

Each of the Offices fulfils a specific Mission in the Church

as follows:

Kingly: Bishops and Pope Govern both offices:
Priestly and Prophetic.

Priestly: Parishes serve the initial part of the Christian Journey:
Kerygma, Catechesis, Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), daily Christian Life (all other sacraments).

Prophetic: 'Desert' serves the following part of the Christian Journey:
Mystagogy, Mysticism, Witnessing.

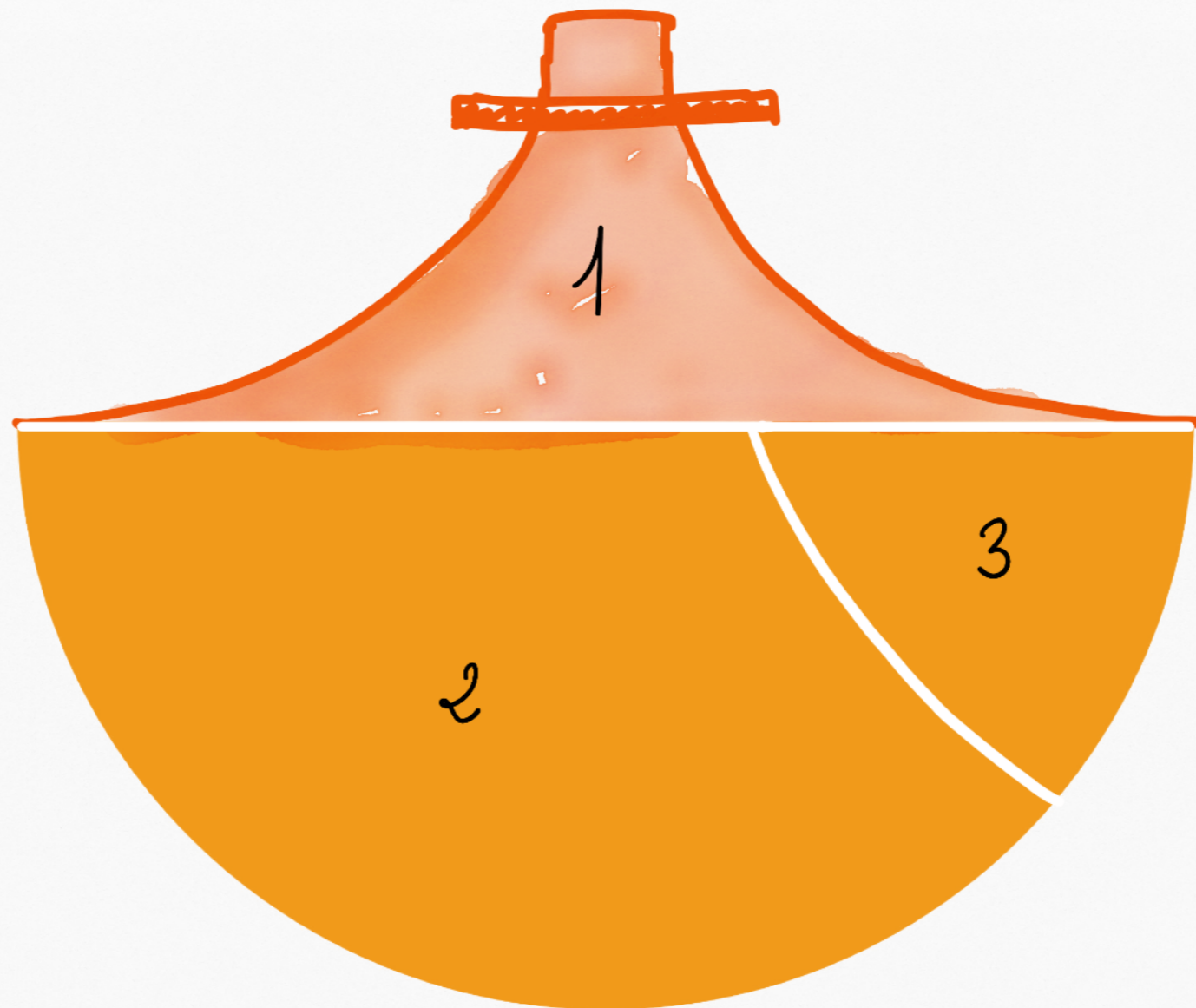
People who belong to the Prophetic Office are:

All the Persons who actually receive the Call to follow Christ closely. They then join one of the following categories:

- Monks and Hermits
- Religious
- Secular Institutes
- Movements of the Church
- Individual Lay persons (married or single)

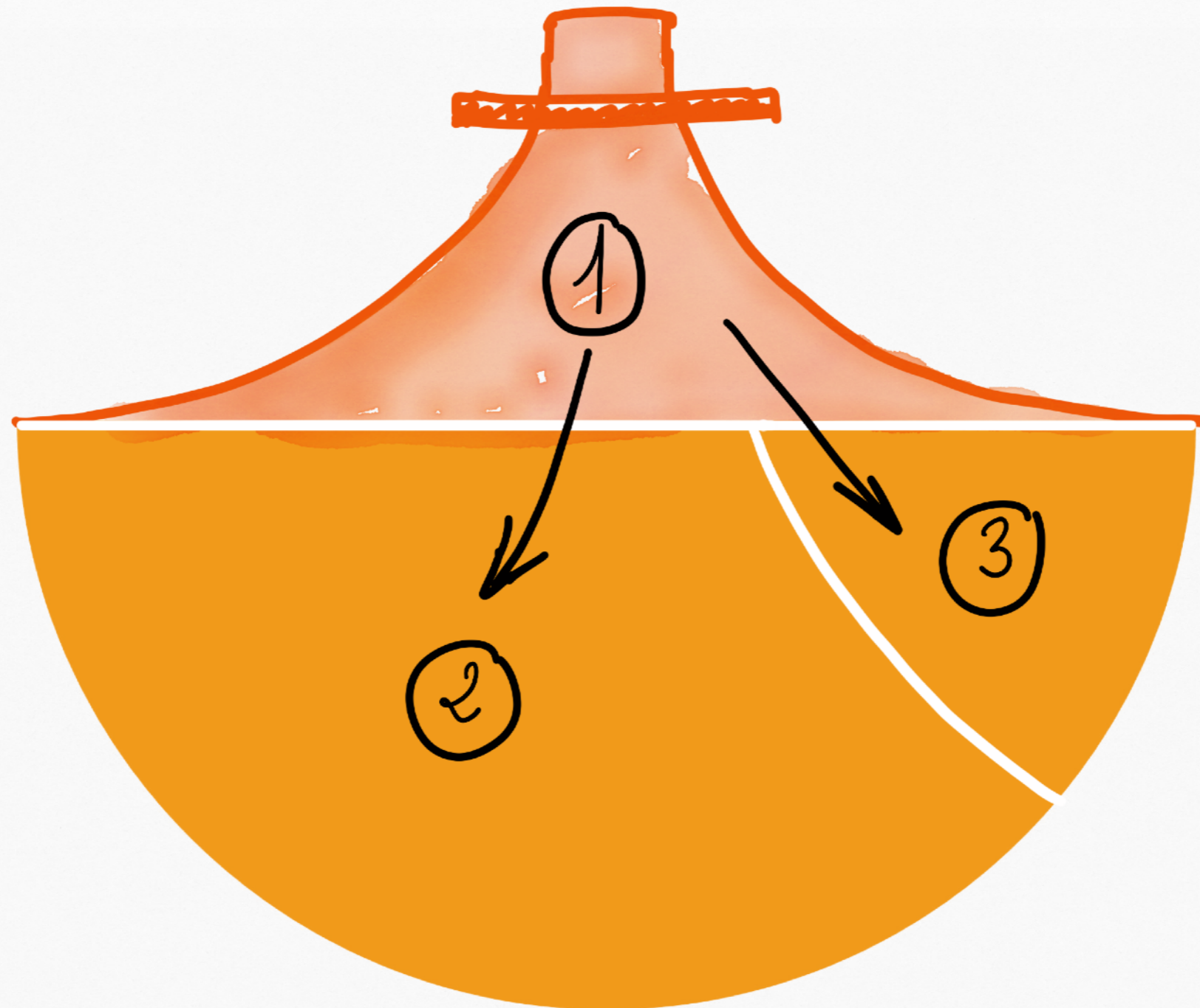
We may describe the different areas and offices of the Church in the following drawing:

- 1- The Kingly Office
- 2- The Priestly Office
- 3- the Prophetic Office

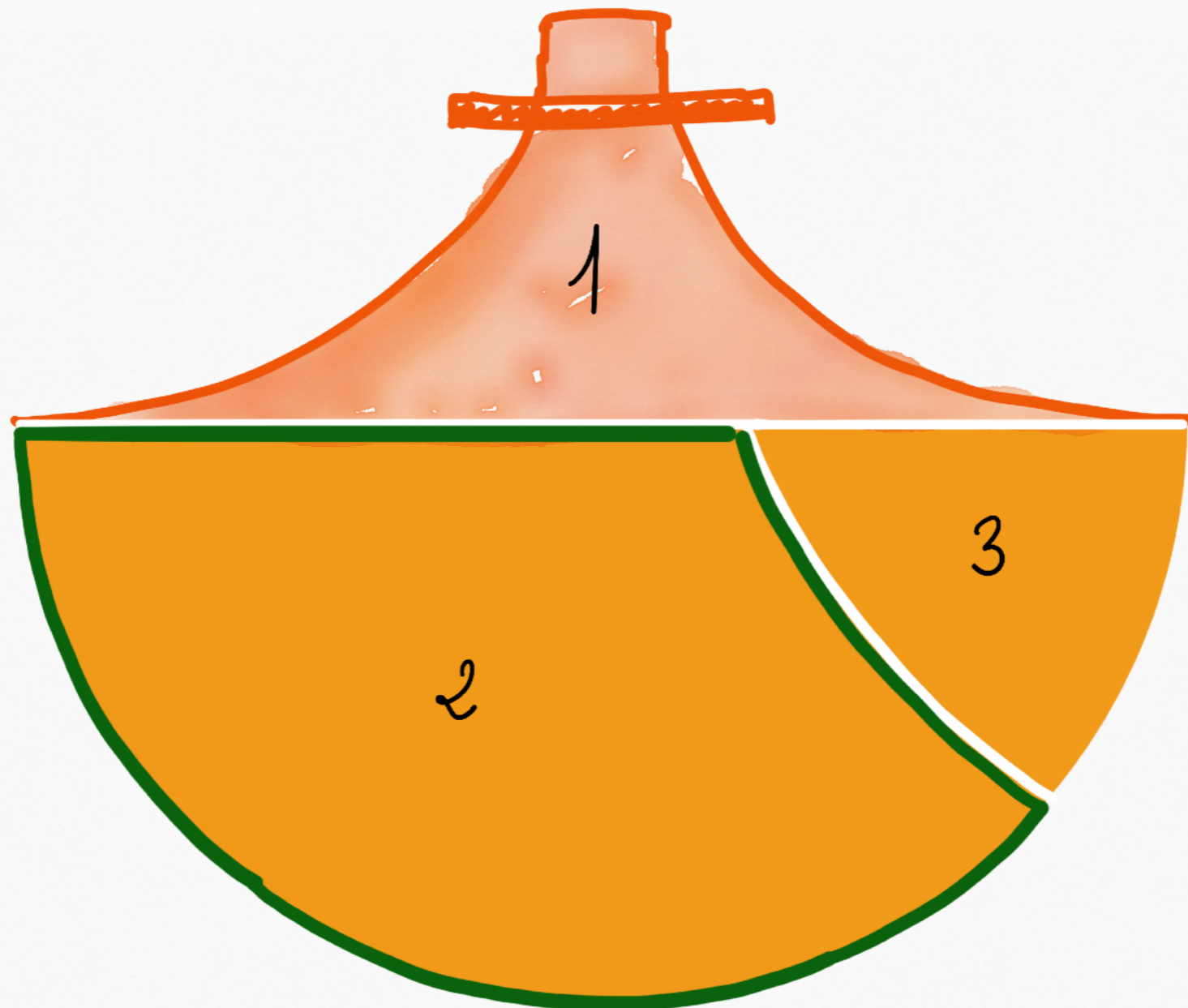


The Kingly Office

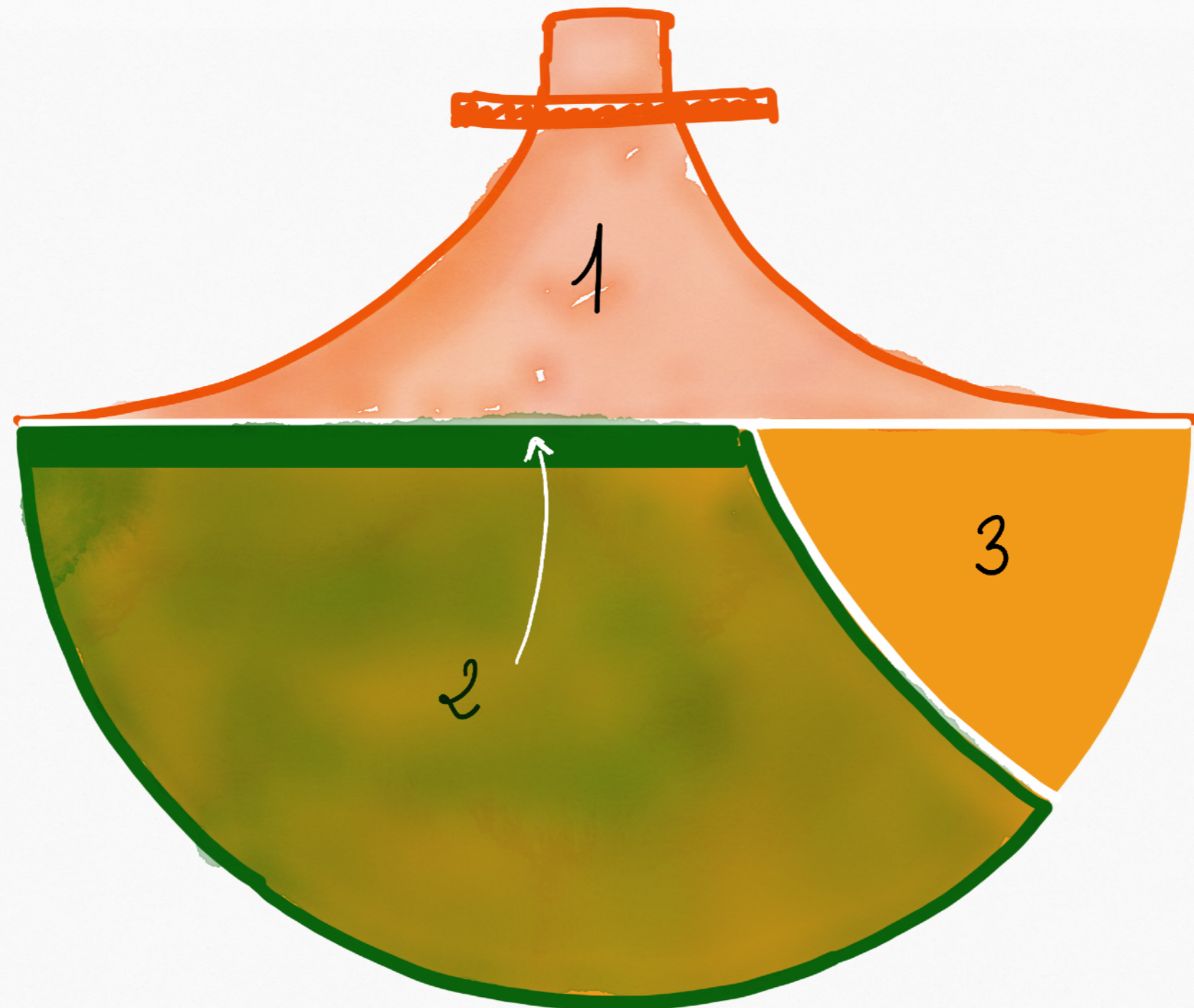
Governs the Priestly and the Prophetic ones.



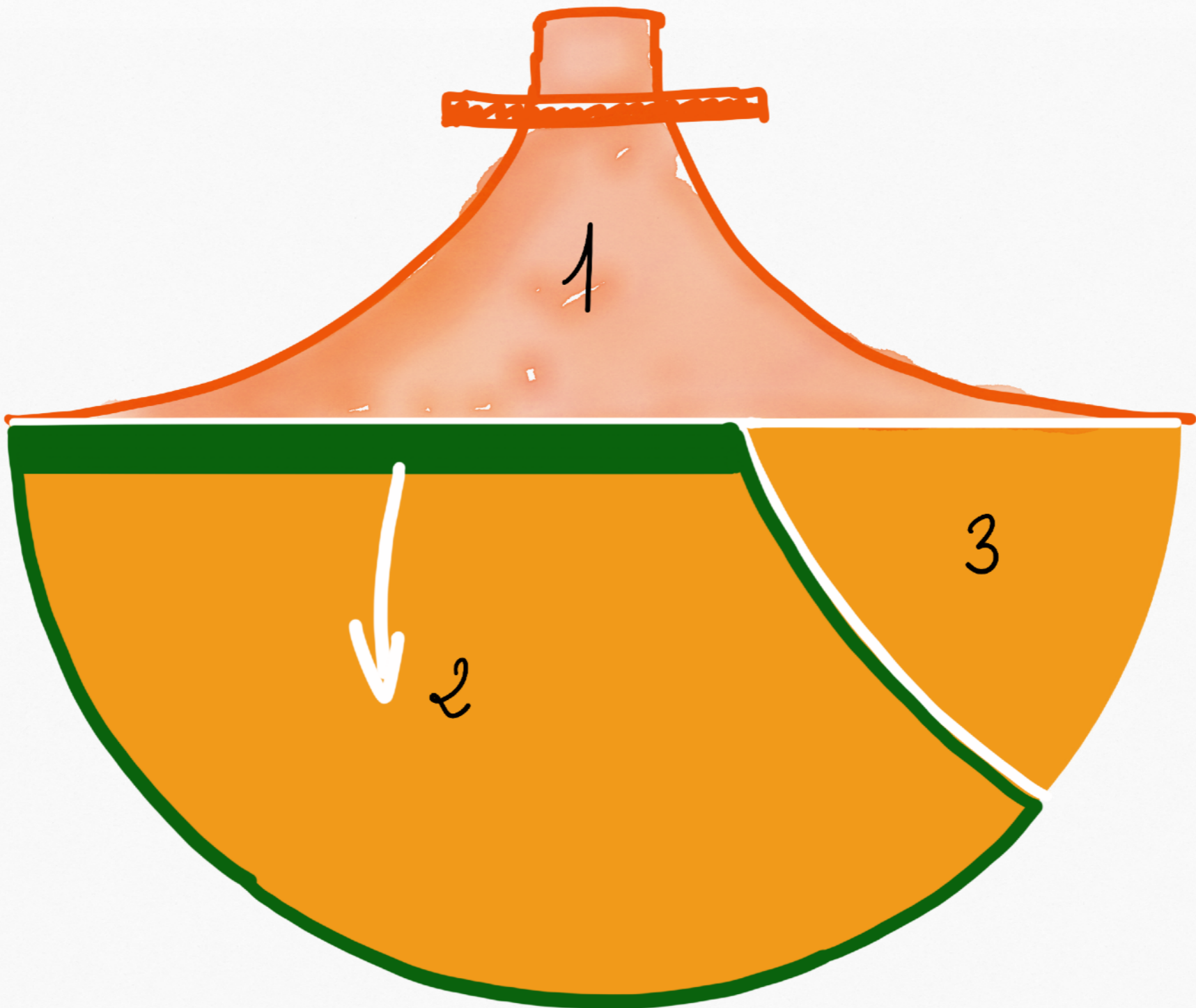
All Christians are born in a Parish area and in general are baptised, confirmed and receive the Eucharist in a Parish.
The Parish is the starting point of all vocations.



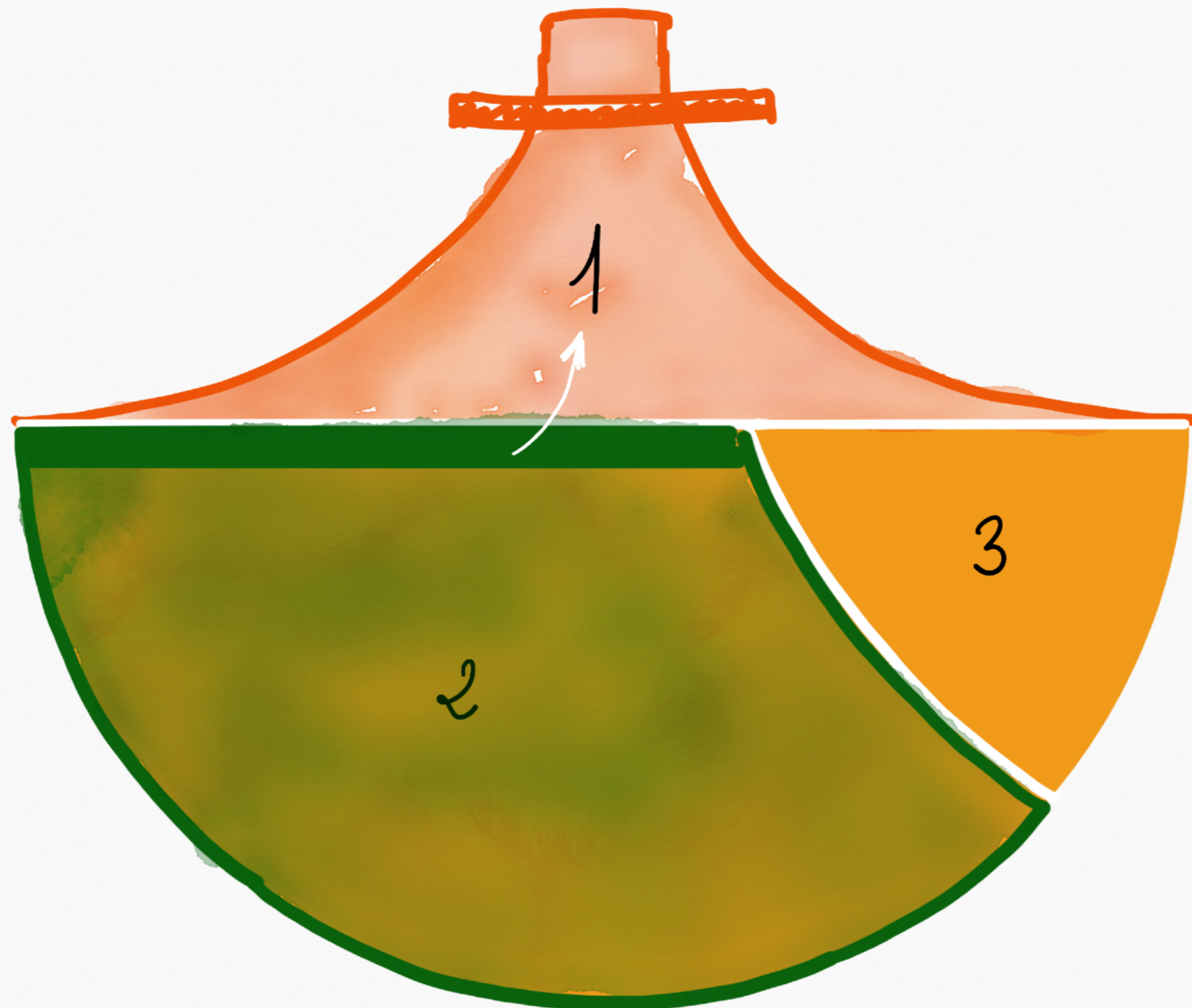
Some amongst the Faithful will be called
to become Priests



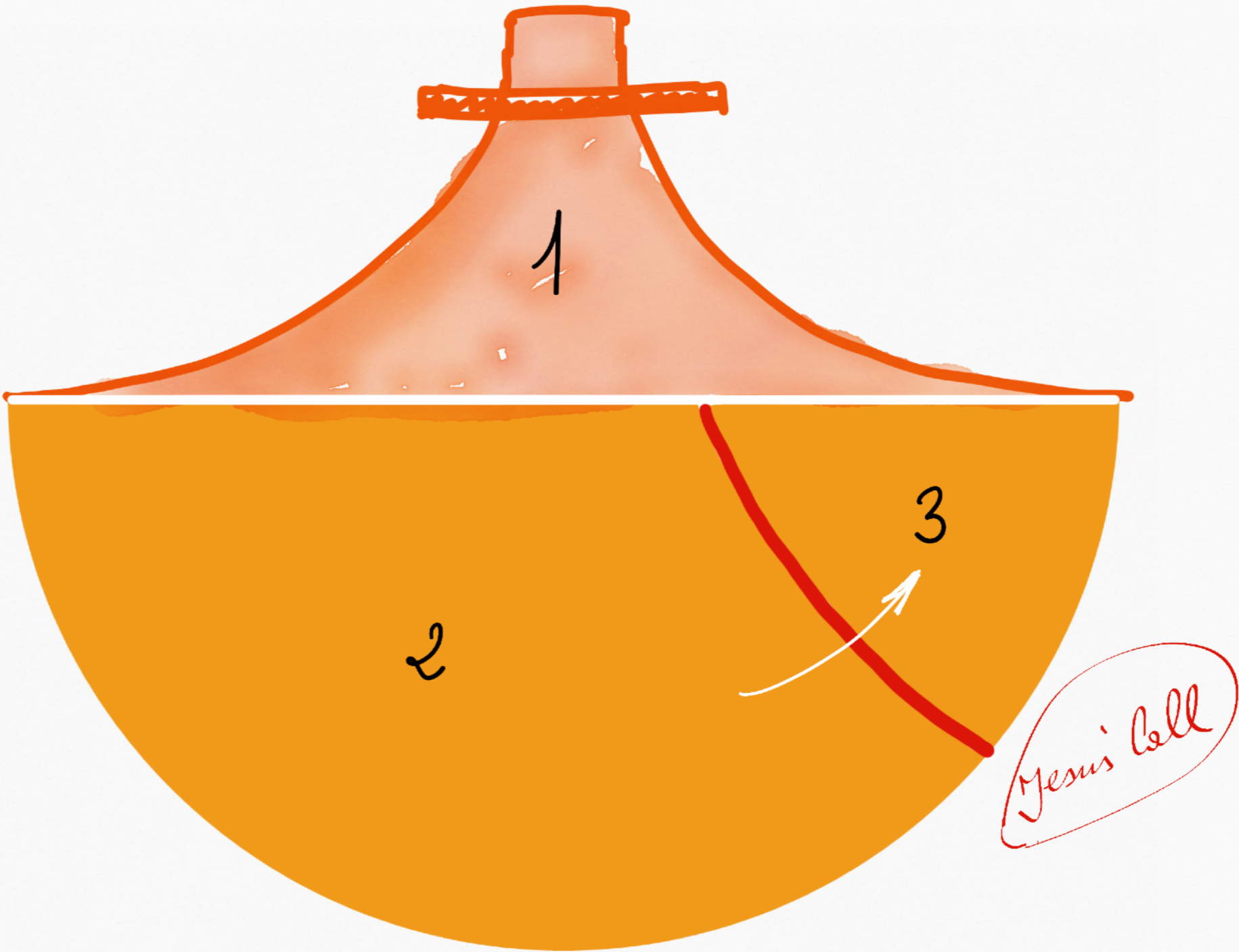
Priests serve the Faithful of their Parish



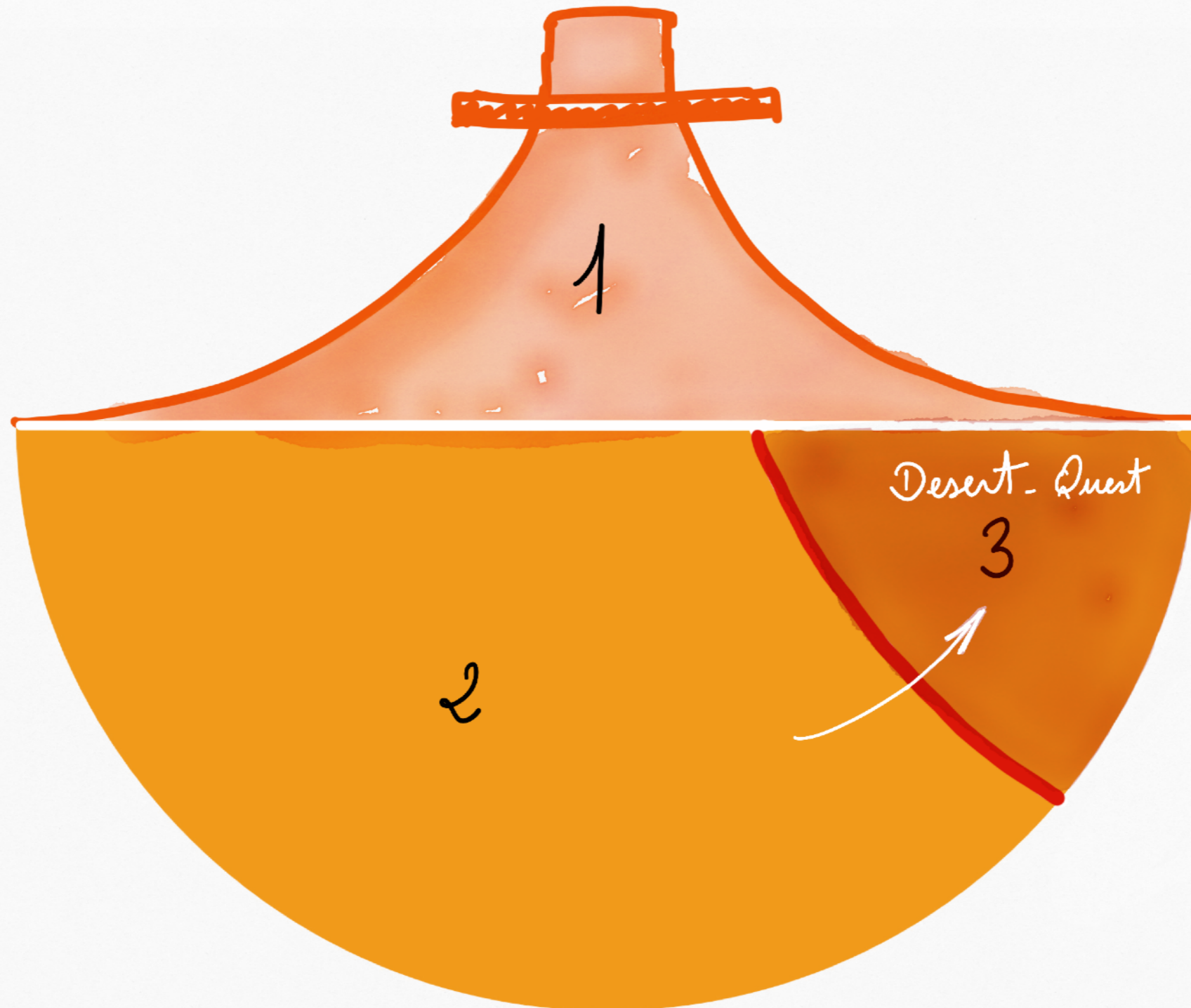
Some amongst the Priests will be called
to become Bishops



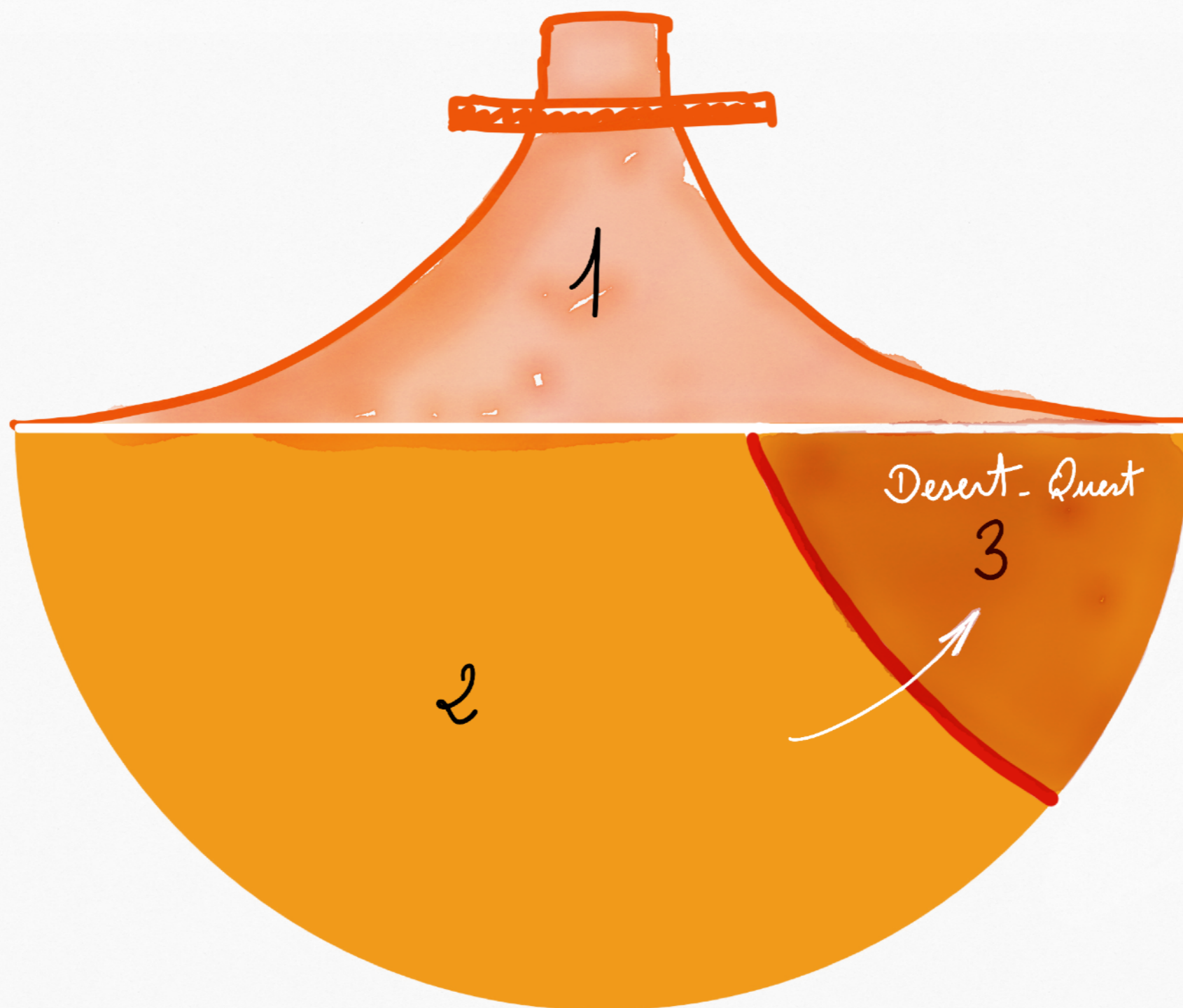
Some might hear one day Jesus' Call to follow Him closely



The red dividing line (between 2 and 3) is very important as it distinguishes very clearly the Priestly Area (the Parish) from the 'Desert' Area where Jesus' Call is fulfilled.



The Prophetic Office of the Church is meant to help all persons who hear Jesus' Call to undergo the entire journey of growth until they reach its fullness.



If the entire Christian Journey
is
from 1 (being far from God) to 10
(dying in Christ)...



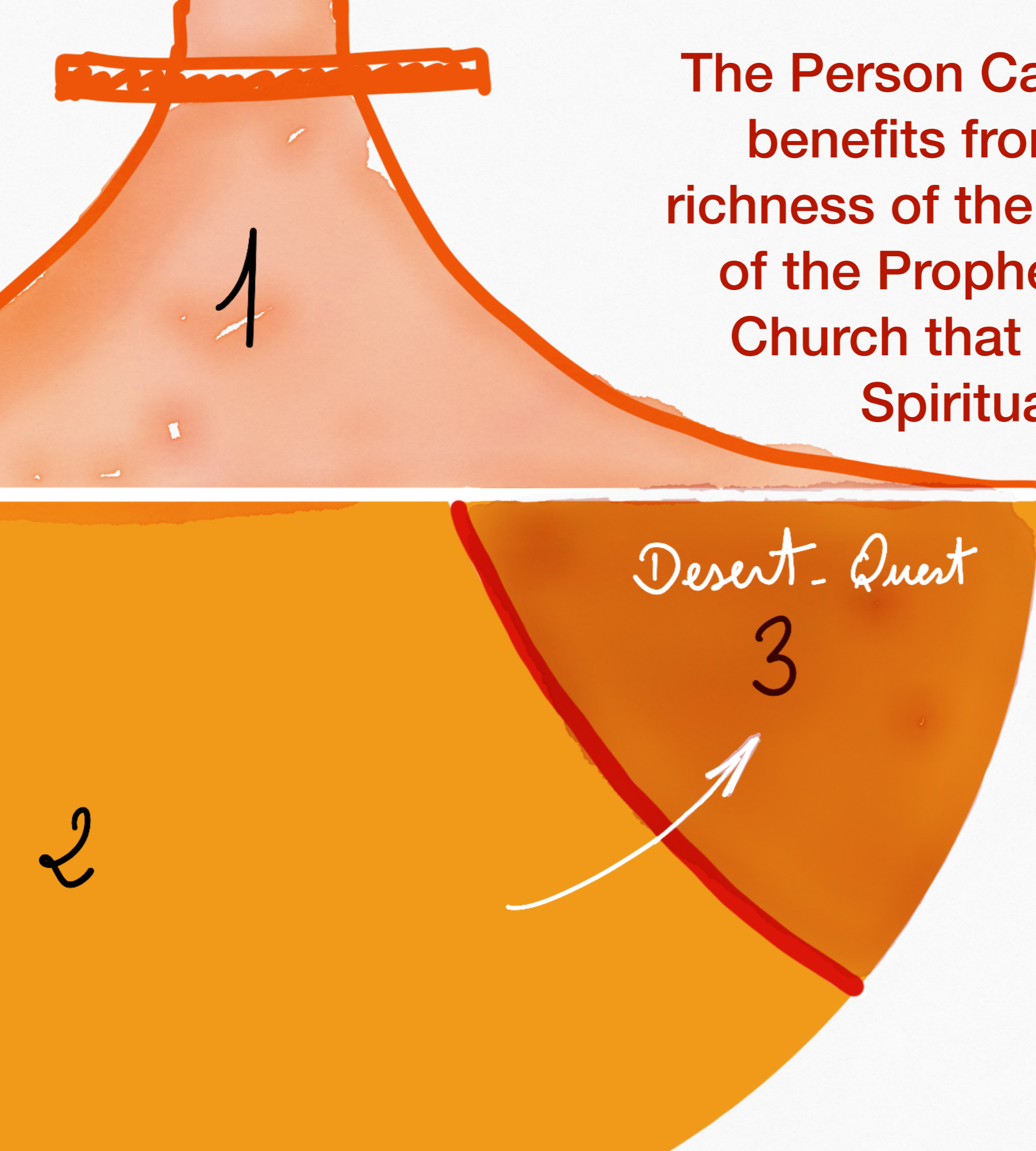
...the first parts of the Journey 1-2 (Kerygma) and 2-3 (adult Catechesis) belong to the Church's Priestly Office: the Parish...



...the second part of the Journey 3-10 belongs to the Church's Prophetic Office: the 'Desert'.



The Person Called to the Desert
benefits from the immense
richness of the Spiritual Teaching
of the Prophetic Office of the
Church that comes from the
Spiritual Masters.



To be continued..

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